

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

March 28, 2005

7:00 p.m.

The Mayor, Council and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Albier: "Mr. Fisk, would you call the roll please."

Clerk Fisk: "Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Tom Coyne."
"John Frey."
"Rich Albier."
"Kathy Pucci."

Councilwoman Brown: "Here."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Here."
Councilman G. Frey: "Here."
Councilman Coyne: "Here."
Councilman J. Frey: "Here."
Councilman Albier: "Here."
Councilwoman Pucci: "Here."

President Albier: "The reading of the agenda. On tonight's agenda we have two resolutions, Resolution 2005-3, Urging the State Legislature to restore the cut to Local Government Funds proposed in the 2006-2007 Biannual Budget; Resolution 2005-4, In support of the proposed Brooklyn School District renewal levy; Ordinance #2005-12, third reading, the Annual Appropriations Ordinance; Ordinance 2005-17, the second reading, Providing for the issuance and sale of \$4.3 million notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing a new fire station and acquiring a new aerial ladder truck; Ordinance 2005-18 the second reading, Providing for the issuance and sale of \$1.5 million notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of improving Tiedeman Road between certain termini, (ii) improving designated city streets, (iii) acquiring property known as Marquardt Playground to be used for recreational purposes, (iv) reconstruction of Biddulph Road in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation between Tiedeman Road and Ridge Road, and declaring an emergency; and other matters that may come before Council. Approval of the minutes of March 14th, can I have a motion?"

Councilwoman Pucci: "Move to approve."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Councilman Coyne: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the minutes of March 14th, Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Tom Coyne."
"John Frey."
"Rich Albier."
"Kathy Pucci."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Coyne: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Albier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

President Albier: "And at this point in the meeting the Mayor has a proclamation he wishes to give out."

Mayor Patton: "Our proclamation tonight is to Brooklyn High School senior Nick Dowe for wrestling. Nick wrestled 189 pounds and is coached by Jim Kesson, who is a former state champion from Lima Central. So if Nick Dowe would come forward, Jim Kesson also, and anyone related to Nick. Just so everyone knows, we also have a wrestling champion in our Recreation Commissioner, Al Sforzo, from West Tech. To honor and congratulate wrestler Nick Dowe on a successful season. Whereas, Brooklyn High School senior Nick Dowe had a 46-7 record in 2005, wrestled at 189 pounds, and is Brooklyn's fifth state qualifier in a row, and Brooklyn's first state placer in 11 years. And whereas, Nick's accomplishments for 2005 season were first placed in the Richmond Hts. Division III classic with a 4-0 record, first place in the Midpark Duals with a 5-0 record, third place in the Doylestown tournament, first place in the Vermillion tournament with a 9-0 record, second place in the Brooklyn sectional, second place in Twinsburg district tournament, 6th place in the Ohio High School Athletic Association's state wrestling tournament with a 3-3 record. And whereas, Nick's career accomplishments include four school records with the most wins in a season with 46, most pins in a season with 29, most career pins with 51, and the most reversals in a season with 28. Now, therefore, I,

Mayor Kenneth E. Patton, and on behalf of the Brooklyn City Council and the citizens of the City of Brooklyn, Ohio do hereby extend sincere congratulations to Nick Dowe on his outstanding wrestling accomplishments. You are to be commended."

President Balbier: "Now I'll have the public session. Anybody that has anything to say for the good and welfare of the City of Brooklyn, please come forward and state your name and your address."

Jill Ludwig: "Hello, good evening, Jill Ludwig, 6734 Cedarwood Trace, Middleburg Hts. I work here at City Hall. And as you may be aware, March was Harvest for Hunger month, and to do something a little different to raise money, the City of Brooklyn teamed up with St. Thomas More School and Brookridge Elementary to help raise money for this worthy cause. So my co-worker, Mary-Jo, and I enlisted the help of Brooklyn Police Department, the Fire Department and Mayor Patton, and during six selected lunch periods Mary-Jo and I went to St. Thomas More and Brookridge and we sold raffle tickets for 50 cents apiece. And this is for the chance to eat lunch, courtesy of Schlotsky's Deli, with five our Brooklyn police officers; a chance to eat lunch at our fire station, courtesy of the firefighters; and for the chance to win Mayor for a morning. And the students, through buying these 50 cent raffle tickets, raised \$300 for the Harvest for Hunger campaign. So I'd like to publicly thank Mrs. Jennifer Francis, principal of St. Thomas More; Mr. Brent Monin, principal of Brookridge Elementary for helping to promote this event, and for allowing Mary-Jo and I to enter their lunch periods and sell these tickets. And thank you to Chief Murphy and our police officers Sgt. Scott Mielke, Mark Murphey, Cindy Eschwieler, Jamie Roach and Joe Tenhunfeld; and to Chief Duchoslav and the fire shift, the A shift, excuse me; and Mayor Patton, for all graciously agreeing to be involved in this campaign. And last but not least, the students of St. Thomas More and Brookridge Elementary. These kids were a sheer delight to be around, very polite, very kind, and they truly understood that they were helping needy families. And they were extremely excited for the opportunity to eat lunch and to meet our Brooklyn police officers and firefighters. And they are even more eager for the chance to be Mayor for a morning. And these kids had outstanding ideas of what they would do if they were in charge. So thank you to everyone. It was a very successful campaign. And hopefully we'll have Brad from the Brooklyn Sun Journal taking pictures. They're all going to do these lunches and the Mayor for the morning in April, so hopefully he'll have some pictures and a little story so you guys can read about it. So thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you Jill. Does anyone else wish to speak?"

Kitt Krause: "Hello, I'm Kitt Krause, 4764 Heather Lane. First I'll start with a thank you to the Council and to the Mayor for this time tonight. Today I'm here for as to represent the Academic Boosters Club, as I've done before. This club is in its second full year at the Brooklyn School District. And I'll read as I do from the first sentence of the Constitution. 'The Academic Boosters Club is a nonprofit organization formed for the purposes of promoting academics among students of the Brooklyn City School and recognizing the students for their academic excellence.' Since the initial opening of this, a little over two years ago, we've been involved in every school district, in every school, excuse me, building of the public district – Roadan and Brookridge, the elementary schools, the Middle School and the High School. Just as last year alone, just to bring you up to date, we recognized all students in grades K-5, and we went and put a Hall of Fame up in the Middle School. And in grades 9-12 we gave out awards to students with the proper GPAs who qualified of this year. After that, though, 'cause we did promise one scholarship last year, by the way, and we did accumulate and give two to the school. This year we're doubling those scholarships, and that's already on record. The people who are members of this club know this because we send out monthly information. Membership, you'll hear about that in a second, because there is a final membership push. But why I'm here tonight is to talk about April 14th. It's a special day up at the high school, and it will be at the auditorium. We're going to have an Academic Challenge. It will be starting to be an annual Academic Challenge, it was last year, and there was a nice turnout, considering it was just the first time it was ever put together. We've all heard of Academic Challenge before, I'm sure, as any of us grew up, whether it be on Saturday or Sunday watching it on TV, it's still on now, with different schools. But we have it against different groups. And last year, again, we had some great groups of faculty members, we had administrators, we had some great students, seniors, and we also had a group of residents and parents that were put together. By the way, I told that group they didn't have a change last year because of all our smart students, faculty members with all their degrees, and administrators. By the way, the residents won. So that should say a little something about that. I'll predict they win this year, by the way. They're coming back. So the team that is the defending champions are coming back, and I congratulate them for last year. But again, that's on April 14th. By the way, this year this is going to be an entertainment event. Any members or any students get in for free."

And again, that's the best we can do for people who are backing us all year long. And I do say thank you to all the Councilmembers, the Mayor, who are all members, all the administrators at the schools, at every school, our members, every Board member's a member of this Academic Boosters Club. It's a great club. And again, when it comes to academics, when it comes to education, when it comes to knowledge, it doesn't get any better. So again, those who you say, well what's the price for non-members, it's \$3 for those members, or for those individuals, for those residents to come. And all they do is have to join up, 'cause it's only \$3 to join. So it's \$3 to get in or \$3 to join, or everybody else is free. It's going to be an entertaining event, it's going to be a fun event by the way. That's April 14th at 7:00. Thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Krause. Is there anyone else that wishes to speak? Okay then we'll move on to reports from committees, commissions and boards. And the first committee is the Public Works Committee, and the chairperson is Greg Frey."

Councilman G. Frey: "No report."

President Balbier: "The second one is the Safety Committee, and the chairperson is Kathy Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. The Safety Committee met last Monday, and it was both a lengthy and productive meeting. We discussed the animal ordinance. We all received a copy of the revisions that came out of that meeting. Some were just small typos, some represent a clarification, and in some sections we either eliminated them or modified them to suit the needs of the Brooklyn residents. And Mayor, I believe you and the Law Director also received a copy of those changes?"

Mayor Patton: "Yes."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay, good. And I would ask that everyone review those changes. We also discussed a drug-free policy which can result in lower workers comp premiums, and we asked Mr. Fisk to investigate what the requirements are to be eligible for this discount, and approximately what the discount would be. We are going to call another meeting of the Safety Committee for next Monday, April 4th at 7 p.m. And I've asked that everyone review the revised ordinance. And Mayor and Mr. Shaper, if you could also review it, and if you have any major concerns it would be possible to get that information to Council by this Friday so that we would have a chance to review it over the weekend, we would appreciate that. And also at this meeting we will get an update on the drug-free work policy, discuss a nuisance ordinance that Mrs. Gallagher had passed out to Council at the last meeting, and I believe Mrs. Gallagher also has some information she's going to share on a gambling ordinance. And Mr. Fisk, if you could please take care of the notification I'd appreciate that. We are going to add another topic to that agenda, which came up tonight at Finance Committee meeting, and that is we will discuss the possibility of expanding the hours of our Day Camp to be able to accommodate families who need expanded hours, more of the day care type thing. And our Law Director's going to investigate that particular issue, and then we will discuss it at the meeting. And that completes my report Mr. Balbier, thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. The next one is the Rec Board, and I'm the chairman of the Rec Board. We had a meeting on the 21st, and we were informed that the Learn to Swim registration had 97 residents sign up and 65 nonresidents, for a total of 162. Also at the Easter egg hunt at 153 children attending. We also learned about Sports Venue that wants to have some more advertising in our city, and later on in the program Mr. Sforzo's going to explain that. And also the Day Camp flyers were all sent out to the school children stating when the registration will be, the dates and the cost. And the next meeting of the Rec Board will be on Monday, April 18th at 6:30 in the Mayor's Court. The next is the Planning Commission, Mr. John Frey."

Councilman J. Frey: "We had a meeting last Wednesday at 4:30 and it was to discuss the new site plan for the fire station, with respect to the drainage problems, all those answers, all those problems were answered, and the site plan was given approval, so that the contractors, the architects, what have you, could get started on clearing the land. That's it."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Frey. The next one is the Finance Committee, Kathy Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. The Finance Committee did meet earlier this evening prior to the Council meeting. The items that we addressed were Resolution 2005-3, this Resolution urges the State Legislature to restore the cut from the Local Government Funds. I had a copy of a resolution that Garfield Hts. had passed, and actually it really wasn't worded strongly enough, so Mr. Fisk re-worked it with the financial facts as they pertained to the City of Brooklyn. And Gale, thank you again for your work on that, I appreciate it. And Mr. Balbier, I even ask that you read that resolution in its entirety when it comes up. We as Councilmembers are all aware of the impact that this is having on our city, but I do believe the residents need to be aware of what is going on in Columbus, and how our finances are impacted. Resolution 2005-4, this is in support of the renewal levy for the Brooklyn City Schools. This is a renewal and therefore does not represent an increase to our residents in their taxes. And this will be on the ballot in May. 2005-12, this is the third reading of the Annual Appropriations Ordinance. 2005-17, this is the second reading, this provides for the issuance and sale of the notes for the new fire station and aerial ladder truck. 2005-18, this too is on second reading, and this is the renewal of our current notes, and we are paying down \$410,000 of it. And then also we did approve to vote on a two month trial basis for the advertisement which is going to be at three of our playgrounds. And I believe Mr. Sforzo is going to give us more information on that. And all these did pass with the recommendation from the Finance Committee. Thank you Mr. Balbier."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. Mrs. Gallagher, do we have anything from Domestic Violence or Legislative Update?"

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Our next Domestic Violence meeting is April 13th at 6:30 at the Senior Center. And my Legislative, I have a legislative report from our State Representative Tim DeGeeter tonight. 'January 3, 2005 marked the opening of the 126th General Assembly. As I begin my first full term, I am honored to represent my district and the people of the state. I also realize there is much work to be done. Our first step must be job creation. Since 2000, Ohio has lost more jobs than any other state. More than 250,000 people have been forced out of work. Each Ohioan now earns \$1,500 less than the average American; and too many of our young people are leaving Ohio, not because they want to, but because they can't find quality employment. During this session we face serious challenges. A looming budget, shortfalls that require fiscal discipline, and an economy that we must help revitalize, and a health care system in which costs are spiraling upwards every day. As State Representative, I bring a common sense approach to the issues we need to address, including a balanced budget that protects Ohio's middle class, affordable college tuition, and tax reform. Please know I am honored to serve as your Representative, and together we will successfully confront these problems and issues. If I can ever be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.' Tim DeGeeter is working on several important pieces of legislation. Here are some of the Bills that he recently introduced and/or co-sponsored. House Bill 49, this would change the definition of child pornography to include computer or digital images that are indistinguishable from pictures of actual children. The Bill would help prosecutors who must now prove each and every image, no matter how realistic is an actual child. This has meant acquittals in a couple of recent high profile cases. House Bill 49 seeks to mirror a federal law termed The Protect Act of 2003. It also gives prosecutors additional tools to work with, because it amends a section of the state's law by making it a crime to produce, possess, sell, distribute, transport or display material, including virtual child pornography that represent or depicts a minor participating or engaging in sexual activity. House Bill 99 would crack down on a growing problem of methamphetamine abuse in Ohio by restricting access to pseudoephedrine, a common ingredient in many over the counter cold tablets. Medications such as Sudafed often contain these ingredients. DeGeeter said the legislation also would act as a tool for law enforcement because it creates penalties for possession of these products. Under the Bill possession of large quantities of pseudoephedrine is a felony. In addition, law enforcement officials can charge those who expose children to meth precursors with intent to manufacture with felony child abuse. Other components of the Bill place stricter controls on where these products can be stored. They also require retailers to keep all products containing meth precursors in a secure, locked area, or behind a counter in licensed pharmacies, check buyers for identification, restrict sales to two packages per consumer, and report the theft of products containing meth precursors to the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy, which would be responsible for notifying local law enforcement. He also sponsored a single automobile license plate Bill. It would eliminate the front license plate from all registered Ohio vehicles. DeGeeter said the legislation would provide a cost savings to both consumers and the state, saving Ohio more than \$2.5 million annually. 'I understand some of the safety factors cited by proponents, but this is just another added cost for taxpayers,' DeGeeter said. We are facing tough economic times and I feel this is one area where we are funding something that is not needed. Twenty-one other states do not require front license plates. They include: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho,

Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico, No. Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, So. Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia. So as you can see, our State Representative is doing his job, and I'd like to thank him. That's all I have."

President Albier: "Thank you Mrs. Gallagher. The only thing I disagree with is the front license plate, because a lot of times policemen get a call to a crime, and the car could be coming right at you, and if you don't see the plate, he can get right past you. Is there anything for Zoning Appeals, Mr. Ockington?"

Comm. Ockington: "No, we have not had a meeting since the last time."

President Albier: "Okay, thank you. Now we'll move onto reports from Council, and I believe the first one is Mrs. Brown."

Councilwoman Rita Brown: "Thank you Mr. Albier. Mayor, the student that won morning as Mayor, have they fulfilled their duties yet?"

Mayor Patton: "No, it's going to be later in April."

Councilwoman Brown: "Oh that's going to be very interesting. I hope you'll be prepared to give us a list of that student's suggestions."

Mayor Patton: "We will."

Councilwoman Brown: "Council will be very interested in what this age bracket has to say. I hope everybody had a happy Easter, I certainly did. Started out Easter morning, of course, going to church. I'll tell you, 10:00 mass at St. Thomas More was filled to the brim. Really nice to see all the people and the little ones, and the babies crying didn't matter, it was Easter morning. A problem, an old problem, but somewhat new, has re-upped, was re-enacted. I don't think we had any trash on treelawns over the holiday weekend, at least I didn't get any calls on that score. But the calls that I'm getting, now that the snow is melting, are trash and trash cans on the side of the house, in clear view when you're going down the street and you'll look from one side to the other. Right there on the side of the house by the side door, residents have placed their trash cans, some of their overflowing. It looks horrendous. Unfortunately, I'm advised that we do not have an ordinance covering this matter of having your garbage cans and recycle bins in the back of the house or back by the garage..."

Mayor Patton: "Rita, yes we do, 1990-17."

Councilwoman Brown: "Mr. Ockington, you told me we didn't have one."

Comm. Ockington: "I will have to check, I..."

Mayor Patton: "1990-17."

Comm. Ockington: "I'll take a look."

Councilwoman Brown: "However, I did ask Mr. Ockington to go out and talk to the people and see if we could have them removed. Did you have any luck Tom?"

Comm. Ockington: "Mr. Miles spoke to one person, I'll be sending a letter to the other one."

Councilwoman Brown: "Okay, thank you. Well now that we have an ordinance I think we'll have to enact it. In fact, I went out on my sidewalk and took a look up my own driveway, and realized that mine weren't back quite far enough. So I took care of that this morning. So I'll ask you people, go down on your sidewalk, look up your driveway, see where your trash barrels are, and see what we can do. We don't want to disgrace our city. This is a beautiful city, we want to keep it nice. And that completes my report, thank you."

President Albier: "Thank you Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Gallagher."

Councilwoman Colleen Gallagher: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I would like to thank the members of Council and the Mayor for attending last week's Safety meeting. Hundreds of hours of research have been put into crafting an animal ordinance. It has been reviewed and approved by a professor of law at Case Western Reserve Law School who specializes in animal law. It has also been reviewed by a law director who has over 20 years experience in municipal law, to ensure all of the issues contained within this ordinance are enforceable. Members of the animal shelters of Cuyahoga County have also reviewed and approved this ordinance. There have been some amendments that address monetary issues and safety issues. The most notable change rectified Mr. Changeri's concern with collars and tags for indoor cats. Mr. Changeri was worried a collar could get caught up and hurt his cat, so that section was modified. I believe this ordinance is ready for a final review, and as Mrs. Pucci's going to call the Safety meeting for next week, we will also discuss the nuisance ordinance and a new amendment to our gambling ordinance that I wish proposed. And I'm going to pass that right down right now. I'm also going to pass out copies of the Juvenile Diversion statistics to members of Council. I would like to remind the residents of Brooklyn that this program is paid for by the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court; and our city has reaped the benefit of close to 1,000 hours of community service. I would like to thank Lou Galizio, as our Juvenile Diversion officer, and Ron Balbier, as our voluntary Magistrate for the Juvenile Court. These men make this a beneficial program, and it works. And Mr. Kappler, I'd like to thank you for the new sign on Ridge Road. Last meeting you asked for input on the streets, and I would agree with you on your observation about W. 66th Street, it is in definite need of repair. If you cannot mill and fill it this year I think it will be, it should be on the top of the list for next year. My last safety issue is street lighting, and I don't know who's handling that. I do not know who monitors the street lights, but Biddulph Road had seven dark lights last week. And could someone explain how the situation could be rectified so I would know in the future?"

Mayor Patton: "Jack, go ahead."

Chief Murphy: "The Police Department takes care of that."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Okay. Thank you. And congratulations to Nick Dowe. And finally I'd like to offer my condolences to the Enovitch family on the loss of their son. Our daughters played together in grade school, and they are a wonderful family who we are praying for. So that completes my report. Thank you Mr. Balbier."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Gallagher. Mr. Greg Frey."

Councilman Greg Frey: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. Mr. Kappler, it's getting spring again. The other day as I was going down Ridge Road I saw our crew over by Brock Playground picking up papers and what not, debris over there, and I'm grateful for that. But the people at Ridge Park Square need to be getting their crews over there. We're going to be into the windy season, and every year it's the same thing, you get a lot of debris blowing up across Ridge Road, it blows into those homes, blows into the playground. They've been pretty good over at Ridge Park Square about getting their crews out, but please give them a little reminder that they need to get about that. I've got to comment on that pile of snow at Ridge Park Square back behind the Ridge Park Square Medical Building. If anybody has seen it, it's just the ugliest, oiliest mountain of snow. It'll be May before, probably June, before it melts. It's disgusting. And I know they've got to put their snow someplace, but boy, as that melts down is that dirty. I wish there was a way around that, because it really is ugly. Regarding the Enovitch, young Mike Enovitch, 30 year old young man that died this week. Again, you've heard me talk many times about the families in Brooklyn. Well, the Enovitch family, Rita Enovitch, many of you seniors will know her from the Senior Center, she works over there, does a wonderful job with the seniors. Dan Enovitch, her husband, has been a former Councilman in Brooklyn. He was also a board member, was a board member at Parma Hospital from the city, he just recently gave that up. This family has experienced a good bit of very difficult times with health, with grandchildren, and children in the last couple of years. How they do it I don't know. But they have a tremendous faith and a tremendous love for one another. Anybody that attended the wake or attended the service had to be moved by the courage that the Enovitch family displayed. And I know all our hearts go out to them. It's just sad. And Mr. Kappler, one more thing. As we move into the spring here, the concrete is starting to chunk up on the road, they're sizeable pieces of concrete. As I said, when I went down Ridge Road I pulled up and Tony Hernandez was in the crew, and I asked Tony if he'd go down by Northcliff because there were chunks all over the street. Please, I'm sure we do, as we're out and about around the town, if the crews would look out for that kind of thing and stop and get them off the road, because those will damage cars and what not, and there's nothing

we can do to stop it from chunking. But if we could get it cleaned up as quickly as possible that would be helpful to the drivers around town. I think that..."

Director Kappler: "Our sweeper's been out 12 hours a day, starting today, so..."

Councilman G. Frey: "They're doing a fine job, I'm not being critical at all."

Director Kappler: "I understand."

Councilman G. Frey: "I think we're doing a great job. But spring moving, or winter moving into spring is a time of year when it just, you know, it gets a little busy on that stuff. So thank them for what they do, they do a wonderful job. I think that's all I have Rich, thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you Greg. Mr. Tom Coyne."

Councilman Tom Coyne: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. My condolences also to the Mike Enovitch family. I've known that family for many, many years, back in the St. Thomas More days, and as the kids grew up along with my kids. It's tragic to see someone that young pass away. And I know the family's had more than their share of health problems. And our prayers go out to all of them. Congratulations to Nick Dowe on his wrestling awards. As the father of five wrestlers, I know the dedication and hard work that it requires. And my boys, some of the boys that went on to wrestle at St. Ed's under Coach Ferguson, did get a change to go to the finals down in Columbus. And it's very impressive. I've been down to Columbus for the state wrestling championships a number of times. It's very impressive. And as I said, it takes a lot of dedication and hard work to be a wrestler. I encourage everyone to attend the Academic Challenge on April 14th that Kitt talked about earlier this evening. I think you're doing a great job, Kitt, and I'm sure you'll have a big crowd there. I hope everybody had as enjoyable Easter weekend as I did. All my kids, the ones that live out of state, various parts of the country, came in, the grandkids. So it was a big crowd, it was kind of hectic at times with all the kids running around, but it was a great weekend. And Chief Murphy, I had a couple calls actually from residents about cars making apparent illegal left hand turns, u-turns, on the northbound Ridge lane that is marked just for turning into Northcliff in the Ridge...and they're turning there, making a u-turn, and going into the Lowe's entrance that's further down towards 480. So I visited the site, and I did see two cars doing the same thing just while I was there. And could the police, I guess they'd have to set a car there for awhile or something, to kind of watch and see if they could catch some of the people making u-turns. Because apparently it's being done quite a bit. Mayor, the ODOT is having what they call a PDP training session in Columbus, and this will be on Friday the 22nd of April. This is a new program, it's called a new and improved Planned Development Process. And basically ODOT's trying to speed up their programs, and obviously make them work better and less expense. I think it would be good that we would send somebody down there. Mr. Kappler probably got a copy of this, they sent these flyers out to everybody. So I think it would be a good idea to..."

Mayor Patton: "If you would make sure I get a copy of that Tom I'd appreciate it."

Councilman Coyne: "Bob's got it."

Director Kappler: "I've got it."

Mayor Patton: "You've got it? Alright."

Councilman Coyne: "And that was all I had."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Coyne. Mr. John Frey."

Councilman John Frey: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. Mayor, I would like to thank you for all the directors, the directors that we've hired, for all that they do. This was a terrible winter for the workers out in the field. Our Service Department did outstanding work. And it's all because of your directors that are taking care of things. It's easy to complain. I don't get these complaints, I just don't get any calls. It's so lonesome at home. I ask my kids to call just to find out if I'm alright. They don't even call. So in any event, I want to

thank your directors for the job you do, you do a terrific job. And it was a tough winter, we survived very well. And thanks Mayor for what you do."

Mayor Patton: "Thank you."

Councilman J. Frey: "Thanks Mr. Fisk for providing us with all the information we need, and keeping us posted as to where we stand, and what problems we're facing with the income tax collections and the expenses that are coming up this year. We're going to need much diligence in maintaining the budget and keeping ourselves in liquid situation. I don't mean by rain liquid, I mean money. So thanks for what you do. That's my report."

President Rich Albier: "Thank you Mr. Frey. I only have a couple short things. Everybody should remember the pancake breakfast at the Senior Center on April 10th, it's \$4 per person, it's advance sale only. And the second thing is for Mr. Shaper. About a month ago we had a three hour meeting about the personnel manual, and we made so many changes and so forth, you asked that we hold it off the agenda while you investigated, and I'd like to know how you're doing with that."

Director Shaper: "Mr. Fisk, Mr. Mike Esposito from Clemons and Nelson, and I have had several discussions since that meeting, and we will have something to report shortly. I do not know if it will be next meeting, it will be the meeting after that. We are making progress on that."

President Albier: "Okay, thank you. Thank you very much. And next, Mrs. Pucci."

Councilwoman Kathy Pucci: "Thank you Mr. Albier. Good evening. First I too would like to offer my condolences to the Enovitch family on the loss of their son, Mike. I think my other colleagues have pretty much summed it up. It's a terrible thing to lose a child. And my prayers and deepest sympathy go out to Dan and Rita, Mike's wife, and the rest of the Enovitch family. Also, congratulations to Nick Dowe on his impressive wrestling record. And I wish him luck in the future. And Jill, thank you for your efforts for the Harvest for Hunger program, you and Mary-Jo, and to all the other employees who participated, you did a great job. And Kitt, thank you for your efforts, both on the School Board and for the Academic Booster Club. And I hope everyone can make it to the Academic Challenge on April 14th. Mayor, Council didn't get a copy yet from the city engineer on the Forest Edge situation. If you could make sure we get a copy of that I'd appreciate it."

Mayor Patton: "Okay."

Councilwoman Pucci: "And Al, I'm not sure if you want to address this or not. I noticed the ad for the two civil service tests we're going to be giving, for both the manager of the Rec Center and the assistant manager positions. And for the manager one, I was a little surprised that the requirement is a high school diploma or a GED. I mean, this is a multi-million dollar operation, I'm just a little surprised that we wouldn't have a higher standard..."

Mayor Patton: "We did mention some things to the Civil Service Commissioner, and they have the authority to put whatever they need to in the advertisement. We did mention that to them, it did not appear in the advertisement. So we will proceed as is, and in the interview process, you know, we hope to choose the best possible person."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay. I'm assuming that we already have a job description. And do we have like a criteria that we're looking for?"

Mayor Patton: "Yes."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay, if you could share that with Council I think we'd appreciate it. And you know, I did have one question. On the CPR and the first aid, and you might not be able to answer this if this was done by Civil Service, but is that the American Red Cross certification that we're looking for?"

Mayor Patton: "It's through Civil Service, so I cannot answer that."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay. Chief Duchoslav, maybe you could answer a question for me. Is there some sort of certification that people get for automatic electronic defibrillator? Is there a certain...."

Chief Duchoslav: "The automatic external defibrillator? I don't believe so."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay."

Chief Duchoslav: "There is a training course, and there's a certificate of completion of the training course..."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay."

Chief Duchoslav: "...but not necessarily a card like with CPR that's good for two years..."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Right. An advanced cardiac life support and all that, that's different."

Chief Duchoslav: "Right."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay."

Chief Duchoslav: "That's the way I understand it."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay, thank you very much. And I did have one other question. Do you know if we advertised in any other papers other than the Sun Journal? Or would I have to ask Civil Service that?"

Mayor Patton: "It's up to Civil Service."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay, I'll check with Joann then."

Mayor Patton: "Unless Gale would know. Gale, do you know?"

Clerk Fisk: "No I don't."

Mayor Patton: "No."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay, I'll give Joann a call then, thank you. And I believe that completes my report, thank you."

President Albier: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. That completes the Council reports, we'll now have the Mayor's report."

Mayor Ken Patton: "Okay, just a couple items. The Law Director and myself have been constantly working with Congressman Kucinich pertaining to the NASA update. Potentially 700 jobs are leaving northeast Ohio. At the same time the potential for jobs down in Cleveland at the DEFAS is also a threat to us. So we're paying attention to this, working with the Congressman, and doing everything we can, because this is a regional problem. The Home Days Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 5th at 6 p.m. right here in Council Chambers. We're going to discuss this year's updates. Also, if everyone could pay attention, because school is out this week, and it's going to be nicer weather. Let's watch for the children playing, and might be darting out in the streets. So let's pay attention to that. Next meeting I will have a re-appointment to the Parma Hospital Board. Ruth Leahy is the appointment, and I will bring that to the next meeting. Ladies and gentlemen, if you see large pieces of concrete, chuckholes that need to be filled, please call immediately 351-2133, we will get to them right away. We will get them picked up. We do have two crews working at this time. We have the street sweeper out. We're going to clean up the city. And this time of year everything looks so dreary and dirty because, you know, winter's just finished. And we will plan on getting out there and get everything done. And at the Service Department, Doug Rehker's been cracking the whip, getting everybody out there. So please let us know if there is damage on your street, we'll take care of it right away. Also, call in if you have a tear-up on the sidewalk where the plows came through during the winter and dug up your grass a little bit, please call down there, they'll send someone out. If they can't fix it right away we'll put it on a list and plant seed and what have you. Computer classes for seniors. The City of Brooklyn will be

holding computer classes for senior citizens at Brooklyn High School. These classes are being offered to adults ages 50 plus. Classes are limited to 10 senior students each, all classes will be held at Brooklyn High School. The classes are: Basic Computers, the time is 6:30-7:30 on Monday the 18th of April and the 20th of April, which is a Wednesday, the cost is \$20; Word Processing has four classes, and that will be \$40; and Internet and E-Mail, also four classes, and that will be \$40. Sign-up will begin today at the Senior Center, classes will be limited, again, to 10, and be sure to stop in at the Senior Center to get a better update on these classes. Important information for grass cutting renewals only. Grass cutting applications were mailed to residents who have been previously on the program. Anyone that's coming for a renewal will have already received an application by mail. You may either bring this to the center or mail it back along with your check. No cash please. If you have not received your application in the mail, please contact the Senior Center at 635-4222. Cost for grass cutting service is \$15 per Ordinance 2005-7; late fee of \$15 will apply if the application is received after April 12, 2005 for a total cost of \$30. Make checks payable to the City of Brooklyn. For those on new applications, all first time applicants must come into the center to sign up the week of April 4th - April 8th between the hours of 9:30 and 3:30 to verify application information. If you're unable to come during the week of signup due to illness or vacation, you must call the Senior Center prior to April 8, 2005 at 635-4222 to make alternative arrangements. In doing so, there will be no late fee. No exceptions, all applications received after April 8th will be subject to a late fee of \$15 plus your application fee for a total of \$30, per Ordinance 2002-52. Any questions, please call 635-4222. An additional web wise computer class is going to be offered, Basic Computer classes, at the Senior Center on Friday, April 22nd and again on the 29th. Classes are from 9-11 a.m. The cost is \$40 for both classes, payable in advance for a total of four hours of instructions. Class size is limited to 10 people. Classes are hands-on. Call the Senior Center for arrangements. Again, Daylight Savings Time, turn your clock ahead one hour on Sunday, April 3rd. And don't forget to change the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. And finally, the Brooklyn paramedics will be available at the Senior Center for blood pressure readings from 10-11 a.m. on Thursday, April 14th, and again on April 28th. And that is my report."

President Albier: "Thank you Mayor. We'll now have the directors' reports. And the first one is the Finance Director, Mr. Fisk."

Dir. Fisk: "Thank you Mr. Albier. At the last Council meeting I talked about the Local Government Funds and the Governor's proposed cuts to the Local Government Funds in the 2006-2007 Biennial Budget. The Mayor and I attended a rally of local officials from here in Cleveland on March 15th at Cleveland Fire Station No. 1 to talk about the impact of that cut to northeastern Ohio. You may have seen clips of it on TV. On March 16th there was a rally of local officials at the Statehouse with over 200 officials attending, indicating the impact of the cut, and then visiting various state legislators afterwards. On March 17th and 18th there was testimony before the House Finance Committee on the impact of the 20% cut on Local Government Funds. The Legislature is in recess right now until April 4th, and there's an anticipated vote on the Biennial Budget on April 12th. On that day there'll be another rally of local officials at the Statehouse to support the restoration of the 20% cut to Local Government Funds. For the City of Brooklyn this is approximately \$151,000 cut in revenues that have been coming to municipalities, counties, libraries and parks for over 70 years. So this is a major, major change, a busting of a partnership that has been going on for 70 years. And we may not have any impact, but we're at least trying to make sure that legislators know what's happening and at least try to get restoration of those funds. That's all I have, thank you."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Fisk. Next is the Service Department, and that's Mr. Kappler."

Director Kappler: "Thank you Mr. Albier. On April 4th I will be meeting with Doug Courtney and we will be doing a walk-thru on some of the Brooklyn streets to set up our streets program for this year. We'll be looking at Delora Avenue, Springwood off of Idlewood, Roadoan, Brookhigh, Summer, Springwood off of Biddulph. Our tentative schedule, we'll be bringing a list of streets for repair to Council on April 24th, with our bidding early May, starting construction in late May or early June, and completion by Labor Day. Also, several meetings ago Mrs. Gallagher requested a video tape of sanitary sewers on Biddulph Road. I now have that in my office, so if you would like to see it I can get it to you. And that completes my report."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Kappler. Next is the Building Department, Mr. Ockington."

Comm. Ockington: "Thank you Mr. Albier. Now that spring is finally here please take a few minutes to check your home for winter damage and pick up any plastic bags, junk mail and similar items which may

have accumulated in your yard over the winter. Our property maintenance inspectors will be starting soon, but if you see something of immediate concern in your neighborhood, please contact the Building Department at 216-635-4203. That concludes my report."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Ockington. Next is the Police Department, Chief Murphy."

Chief Murphy: "No report Mr. Albier."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Murphy. Next is the Fire Department, Chief Duchoslav."

Chief Duchoslav: "Thank you Mr. Albier. First of all, development of construction drawings for the new fire station are progressing on time, for an early May completion. So that the bidding process and review by the plans examiner can go ahead. And tentative schedule for ground breaking is still early June. Along with that, the aerial tower truck committee has one more meeting later this week with a manufacturer to discuss and answer some engineering issues; and hopefully after that meeting we'll have a recommendation as to what type of truck would best serve the fire protection and life safety needs of the city. And finally, last Wednesday, if anybody noticed quite a bit of equipment up on Brookpark Road during the afternoon, we had a report of a very strong odor of diesel fuel inside of Sam's Club by the manager. It was traced to the Big Creek between Wal-Mart and Sam's Club. I had an opportunity to coordinate the response with multiple agencies that included the Ohio EPA, Southwest Council of Government HAZ-MAT team, Parma Fire. Service Director Kappler was notified, who immediately brought out Regional and County sewer district representatives. After stopping the spread in several spots as far down as Cascade Crossing, the source of the fuel spill was traced back to the BP station at the corner of Tiedeman and Brookpark. And my point is that while this was not necessarily any type of a real life threatening emergency or anything like that, I had the opportunity to employ the incident command system to the best of my ability to work and communicate with the different agencies and to resolve this, over a period of just over three hours. And that's my report."

President Albier: "Does the EPA go after the BP station?"

Chief Duchoslav: "Yes they will. Yes they will. Southwest Council of Governments will also submit a bill for the HAZ-MAT team, and the city also will submit a bill. We have an ordinance to recover cost for any hazardous material spill. And that would be minor compared to I'm sure what the EPA will do."

President Albier: "Excellent. My other question is, how many companies manufacture those fire trucks that we're looking at or looking into."

Chief Duchoslav: "We looked at five manufacturers. Actually four manufacturers with six different styles of trucks, and narrowed it down to two manufacturers with two different styles of trucks."

President Albier: "Okay. And the last is the Law Department, Mr. Shaper do you have anything to report?"

Director Shaper: "Just a little bit. The abatement of criminal activity nuisance ordinance has been reviewed by the Prosecutor, Police Chief and me. I have also called an assistant law director of Shaker regarding the effectiveness of this ordinance. After this review I believe the ordinance is close to satisfactory in its present form. I recommend placing it on the agenda at the next meeting for first reading and referring it to the Safety Committee, as I believe you've stated it has been done. And during this period of time the Prosecutor and I will match the code sections to our Codified Ordinances. As far as NASA goes, everybody out there, read as much as you can about it. Don't take anybody's word for it, draw your own conclusions. Listen to everybody. I'm going to censor my opinion. I'm just going to tell you, it's a big story. This region cannot afford this loss. You can draw your own conclusions as to why it's happening, but I think you're most likely going to come to the conclusion, we can't collectively allow this to happen. While the Mayor says it's potential for 700, I agree with that, it's a potential in the near future of 700. The consequences of that 700 and what's down the road, this is not a cyclical thing, this is something... Again, I'm one person, you don't have to take my word for it, read. This is horrible for this city being close to where it is, for the city where it's impacted, but for the region it's bad, and for the country it's bad. And we don't just assume it's being taken care of. That everybody here is doing what they can. Get involved any way you can. Don't take this one sitting down, laying back. This place could be gone. I'm not trying to scare anybody, I'm trying to do what I

can to say, you hear a lot of things and you can't keep up with everything. This is one that's going to impact our city, it's going to impact this area. That's it."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Shaper. The next item on the agenda is..."

Councilman Coyne: "Mr. Albier..."

Comm. Sforzo: "Mr. Albier, you forgot..."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Rec Board."

President Albier: "Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Sforzo."

Comm. Sforzo: "I'm easy to overlook."

President Albier: "I was just going to have you come up here after I read your letter here."

Comm. Sforzo: "Oh, you wanted me to wait? Sorry."

President Albier: "Well just let me read this letter and then you can start."

Comm. Sforzo: "Okay."

President Albier: "The next item on the agenda is a request for approval of an agreement, and that's for Mr. Sforzo. I'm just going to read it, then he could explain it. 'The City of Brooklyn Recreation Board at its March 21, 2005 meeting determined it would like to recommend that the Brooklyn City Council authorize the Mayor to enter into a second agreement with Sports Venue Advertising, Inc. This agreement would promote the sale of advertisements by Sports Venue, which would appear in the playground areas of the three city parks.' And now, Mr. Sforzo, when you give your report you can talk about this too."

Comm. Sforzo: "Okay. This involves 3x5 foot banners to be placed in the play areas of the parks. The banners will be placed in the parks from the first part of April thru the end of May, which is May 31st. The advertiser for this program is Clorox. And if you've seen any of the advertisement they've put up in the Brooklyn Ice Rink, it stressed cleanliness, and I'm sure this is what they are going to try to stress for the park area. It's a two month experimental program, so if it works I'm sure there'll be other programs to follow. So we hope that it works out for the city. And it'll be a change to get a little income for the city. Next is youth baseball, summer program is beginning. Our registration dates are: Saturday, April 2nd from 10-2; Saturday, April 9th 10-2; April 16th 10-2; Wednesday, April 20th 6-8:30; and Wednesday, April 27th 6-8:30. And while we're on baseball, we're looking for volunteer coaches to help with our baseball program. This involves coaching boys and girls teams, ages, and these are groups, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-10. All the games are going to be played, tentatively right now the schedule is for Monday and Wednesday nights. So if anyone's available who would like to get involved, we're looking for volunteers. We're going to have a coaches clinic, so it's not that you have to go out there cold, we'll have people instruct you. So it's a great experience, and if you've never done it, and if your kids are involved it's also very helpful. We're also looking for sponsors for our youth baseball teams. The fee is \$150 per team. We average about 12 players on a team. You'll get your business or individual name on the back of the team shirt. This is a great way to promote your business and support activities for the youth of our community. Just call our Recreation Department for any information if you'd like to back one of the teams. Thank you very much."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Sforzo."

Councilman Coyne: "Mr. Albier."

President Albier: "Yes Mr. Coyne."

Councilman Coyne: "A couple questions of the directors. Mr. Kappler, you said you're meeting with the County Commissioner representatives on Monday the 4th?"

Director Kappler: "No, Doug Courtney."

Councilman Coyne: "Doug Courtney, okay. And what time will that be? And where?"

Director Kappler: "It will be here at City Hall, we do not have a definite time as of yet."

Councilman Coyne: "Okay, could you notify me?"

Director Kappler: "Yes I can."

Councilman Coyne: "Thank you. And Chief Duchoslav, on the spill, do we have our own booms and containment?"

Chief Duchoslav: "Yes we do. Very, very minimal."

Councilman Coyne: "Minimal?"

Chief Duchoslav: "Minimal stuff to handle something small."

Councilman Coyne: "Okay. I do know that BP does joint venture type operations for that kind of equipment."

Chief Duchoslav: "Yes, I have spoken with their representatives."

Councilman Coyne: "Okay. I'll see what I can help you out with."

Chief Duchoslav: "Okay."

Councilman Coyne: "Thank you. That's all I have."

President Albier: "Thank you. Does any Councilman wish to comment on the letter from Mr. Sforzo about the advertising in the city parks?"

Councilwoman Pucci: "Can I be recognized?"

President Albier: "Yes Mrs. Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "I'm just going to repeat what I said at the Finance Committee, and this is just my own personal opinion. I just think it's pathetic that cities have to resort to advertising to parents who are bringing their children to play at a playground. I think it's a sad commentary on the state of our economy. And the declining revenue, we either have to look to new ways to bring in revenue, increasing fees that we charge people, or cut programs. So I am going to support it, but my personal opinion is I just think it's very unfortunate. Thank you Mr. Albier."

President Albier: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. Anyone else? The only thing I'd like to say, if we agree to this, the agreement's only for two months; so we could look the situation over, if we don't like it we don't have to go any farther than that. So it's only for the first two months. So I need a motion to enter into an agreement with the Rec Board and our Law Department can enter into an agreement with Sports Venue."

Councilman Coyne: "So move."

Councilman J. Frey: "Second."

President Albier: "I need a second. Second from Mr. Frey."

Clerk Fisk: "To allow the entering into an agreement with Sports Venue, Rita Brown."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

"Colleen Gallagher."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

"Greg Frey."
"Tom Coyne."
"John Frey."
"Rich Albier."
"Kathy Pucci."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Coyne: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Albier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

President Albier: "The next part of the agenda is audience remarks pertaining to legislation on the agenda. Does anyone wish to address the Council on the legislation? In that case we'll move onto the first resolution, which is **RESOLUTION 2005-3**. And I've been asked to read it in its entirety. Urging the Ohio State Legislature to restore the cut to Local Government Funds proposed in the 2006-2007 Biennial Budget. Whereas, to balance the State Budget for 2006-2007 Governor Taft's proposed budget now has a 20% cut to Local Government Funds for 2006. And whereas, that cut will result in a revenue loss of \$150,945.00 for the City of Brooklyn, specifically, and will negatively affect Cuyahoga County, surrounding municipalities, townships, libraries and parks. And whereas, past freezes to Local Government Funds and declines in Municipal Income Tax collections have already required the City of Brooklyn to cut its 2005 General Fund by 1.010 million, a 6.77% reduction, and its 2005 Capital Improvement Fund by 478,000, a 25.26% reduction, eliminating positions, pay raises, services and projects. And whereas, the projections for 2006 and 2007 indicate the city will have to continue to make further cuts, even without the cut to the Local Government Funds currently proposed in Governor Taft's Biennial Budget. And whereas, the Local Government Fund has for 70 years been a partnership between State and Local Governments. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Brooklyn, County of Cuyahoga, and State the Ohio. Section 1. That Brooklyn City Council hereby requests that the members of the Ohio State Legislature representing the City of Brooklyn act to maintain that long standing partnership and restore funding to the Local Government Fund rather than pass along cuts of this magnitude to local governments and thus have an even greater burden than are already struggling to solve. Section 2. The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to Ohio State Representatives Dale Miller, Ed Jerse, Lance Mason, Claudette Woodard, Shirley Smith, Annie Key, Michael DuBose, Michael Skindell, Shirley Conway Kilbane, James Trakas, Tim DeGeeter, Thomas Patton and Ohio Senators C.J. Prentiss, Daniel Brady, Robert Spada and Eric Fingerhut. Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared an emergency measure dealing with the daily operation of the City of Brooklyn, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date allowed by law."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Introduced by all, suspend the rules."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Councilman Coyne: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To suspend the rules on Resolution 2005-3, Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Tom Coyne."
"John Frey."
"Rich Albier."
"Kathy Pucci."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Coyne: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Albier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Clerk Fisk: "To adopt, Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Tom Coyne."
"John Frey."
"Rich Albier."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Coyne: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Albier: "Yea."

"Kathy Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

President Albier: "The second **RESOLUTION is 2005-4.** A Resolution in support of the proposed Brooklyn School District renewal levy. Whereas, the proposed Brooklyn City School levy was first passed in 1984. And whereas, this is a five-year operating renewal levy that will raise \$1.8 million. And whereas, this levy is crucial to maintain the financial stability of the Brooklyn City Schools. And whereas, this renewal levy will mean no increase in taxes. And whereas, the Brooklyn City Council recognizes the importance and value of a good, stable school system to our entire community. And whereas, the Brooklyn City School District has demonstrated financial responsibility. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Brooklyn, Ohio, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio. Section 1. That the Brooklyn City Council supports passage of the Brooklyn City School renewal levy and encourages all citizens of the City of Brooklyn to vote in favor of that issue."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Introduced by all, suspend the rules."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Councilman Coyne: "Second."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Mr. Albier, may I be recognized?"

President Albier: "Yes, Mrs. Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "In the Finance Committee meeting Mrs. Holop did share some information with us, and I just wanted to pass it along. For the \$100,000 home it's \$131.69 a year; and for \$120,000 home it's \$158.03 a year. And this is actually less than what the residents were paying when the levy originally passed in 1984. And also, another thing to keep in mind is that in Brooklyn two-thirds of this is paid for by the businesses, and one-third only comes from the residents. Thank you."

President Albier: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. That's the end of the Resolutions. The next one is the..."

Clerk Fisk: "Oh no..."

Mayor Patton: "You didn't vote on that."

Councilwoman Pucci: "We have to vote."

Clerk Fisk: "You need to vote on it."

President Albier: "Oh, I'm sorry, you have to vote on it."

Clerk Fisk: "To suspend the rules on Resolution 2005-4, Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."

"Rich Albier."

"Kathy Pucci."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Clerk Fisk: "To adopt, Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."

"Rich Albier."

"Kathy Pucci."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

President Albier: "That's the end of the Resolutions. The next one is **ORDINANCE 2005-12**, this is the third reading of the Annual Appropriations Ordinance. Does any Councilperson have anything they wish to address?"

Councilwoman Pucci: "No. Move to adopt."

Councilman Coyne: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To adopt Ordinance 2005-12, Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Tom Coyne."
"John Frey."
"Rich Albier."
"Kathy Pucci."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Coyne: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Albier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

President Albier: "The next Ordinance is **ORDINANCE 2005-17**, the second reading, Providing for the issuance and sale of 4.3 million notes in the anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of paying costs of constructing a new fire station and acquiring a new aerial ladder truck."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Move to put on second reading."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To place Ordinance 2005-17 on second reading, Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Tom Coyne."
"John Frey."
"Rich Albier."
"Kathy Pucci."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Coyne: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Albier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

President Albier: "And the last Ordinance is **ORDINANCE 2005-18**. This is also on the second reading. An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$1.5 million notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of improving Tiedeman Road between certain termini, improving designated city streets, acquiring property known as Marquardt Park to be used for recreational purposes, and reconstructing Biddulph Road in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation between Tiedeman Road and Ridge Road, and declaring an emergency."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Move to put on second reading."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Councilman Coyne: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To place Ordinance 2005-18 on second reading, Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Tom Coyne."
"John Frey."
"Rich Albier."
"Kathy Pucci."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Coyne: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Albier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

President Albier: "Does any Councilperson have anything else they wish to address?"

Councilman G. Frey: "I have a question."

President Albier: "Yes Mr. Frey."

Councilman G. Frey: "If I could. Gale, do you know on that Local Government Funds, wasn't that a deal between the state and the taxpayers in Ohio, when they passed the state income tax, that the state government would take over some obligations to redistribute back to local governments so that there would be equity in funding?"

Clerk Fisk: "Yes that was, and that was passed back in the 1930s. And basically that was a partnership between the state and the local governments, where the local governments allowed the state to take on a new function, and part of that was that those funds would be returned to local governments. And it's been that way for 70 years."

Councilman G. Frey: "The point of this being, this is not the state taking away something that they gave to us out of their great beneficence. This is the state taking our money, promising to give it back, and reneging on their promise. That's what's going on. That's all I have, thank you."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Frey."

Councilman J. Frey: "Thank you Greg. I move we adjourn."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To adjourn, Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Tom Coyne."
"John Frey."
"Rich Albier."
"Kathy Pucci."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Coyne: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Albier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Meeting adjourned.

Clerk of Council

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